BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2015040334

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING MEDIATION, PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING

On May 4, 2015, the parties filed a joint request to continue the dates in this matter. After meeting and conferring, the parties agreed upon dates for an initial continuance, within 90 days from the dates originally set in this matter.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation: May 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Prehearing Conference: July 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Due Process Hearing: July 20, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., and July 21 - 22, 2015 at

9:00 a.m., continuing day to day, Monday through

Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: May 05, 2015

/s/

COLE DALTON
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings